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OF THE

SELECTMEN OF CROYDON.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1864.

DISBURSEMENTS.

PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.	William Smith,	\$70.53
" " 2.	Welcome P. Partridge,	190.77
" " 3.	Stillman Putnam,	100.39
" " 4.	Alfred Cutting,	46.64
" " 5.	Stillman T. Fletcher,	65.05
" " 6.	Caleb L. Barton,	32.62
" " 7.	John Hurd,	17.52
" " 9.	Barnabus C. Whipple,	15.59
" " 10.	Elias Powers,	14.23
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		\$553.34
Paid State Tax,		577.80
" County Tax,		336.21
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		\$914.01
"	Gilman Stockwell for repairing, mountain road,	\$50.00
"	Gilman Stockwell for repairing highway on Beach Hill,	8.00
"	H. Hersey, for Gate for burying ground,	2.00
"	Washington Stockwell, for Gate for burying ground,	
	near four Corners,	10.00
"	Otis Cooper, for keeping watering trough on highway,	3.00
"	John Cooper for tolling Bell,	3.00
"	Mrs. Thissel, for Robe for Mrs. Bartlett,	2.75
"	S. N. Stevens, for Coffin for Mrs. Bartlett,	6.00
"	B. C. Whipple, for repairing highway,	6.00
"	Alfred Cutting, for Plank,	1.94
"	Lester Blanchard, for Plank,	1.22
"	Stillman T. Fletcher, for Plank,	1.40
"	Peter Hurd, for Plank,	5.48
"	George W. Barton, for Plank,	1.00
"	James Eastman, Plank and timber,	75
"	John Harding, timber for bridge,	75
"	D. W. Rawson, timber for bridge,	75
"	N. C. Kempton, for plank,	3.84
"	Reuben, Cooper, for plank,	1.22
"	Ruel Durkee, for plank,	2.46

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

Paid M. A. Barton,	2.25
" For repairing Truss for Darius Hall,	1.50
" Doctor Sanborn, 1 visit to Horace Bartlett,	2.00
" Williams Barton, for Instrument for D. Harding,	2.00
" R. Durkee, for Instrument for D. Harding,	2.00
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	\$121.31
Paid Hollis Hersey, for opening eight graves,	10.50
" Reuben Cooper for opening 1 grave,	1.50
" Henry Codman, for opening 1 grave,	1.50
" Marshal Putnam, for opening 3 graves,	4.75
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	\$18.25

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Stephen P. Whitney, for the support of J. Pollard and Wife, from Jan. 27th, 1863 to Jan. 27th, 1864,	166.50
" Joel Ferry, for support of Joel Chase,	35.00
" A. C. Barton, for support of C. Day, one year,	78.00
" To clothing for Charles Day,	6.71
" For Tobacco, for Charles Day,	2.50
" A. C. Barton, for support of Rebecca Powers 44 weeks,	57.00
" D. Kennedy, for support of M. Kennerson,	29.43
" A. C. Barton, for support of M. Kennerson,	9.96
" Clothing for Mary Kennerson,	10.85
" Sophrana Stockwell, for support of Ellen Stockwell,	26.00
" W. J. Walker, for support of F. Hill,	7.94
" L. P. Cooper, for support of J. Katterson 1 year,	34.00
" Sabra Barton, for nursing Rebecca Powers,	2.00
" John Hurd, for support of Livera Chase, from April 1st 1863, to April 1st, 1864,	40.00
" John Hurd, for support of Darius Hall, from April 1st, 1863, to April 1st, 1864,	45.00
" Clothing for D. Hall,	10.18
" Abial Lane, for support of Mary Lane, one year,	62.50
" Hiram Putnam, for support of A. Chase, from April 1st, 1863, to April 1st, 1864.	45.00
" N. P. Stevens, for support of Mrs. Hyde,	30.00
" W. R. Bartlett, for support of Mrs. Hyde,	30.00
" N. Nelson, for support of G. G. Carroll, from April 1st, 1863, to April 1st, 1864,	36.00
" James Eastman, for support of Samuel Eastman one year,	68.00
" Clothing for S. Eastman,	15.61
" David Harding, for support of Lydia Harding, from April 1st, 1863, to April 1st, 1864,	77.50
" Henry Bartlett, for support of Horace Bartlett,	79.75
" Clothing for Horace Bartlett,	2.38
" Cassius Bartlett, for support of Horace Bartlett,	3.00
" Joseph Crooker, for support of Horace Bartlett and wife, and trouble and expense of funeral,	73.00
" Joseph Crooker, for support of W. S. Carroll, from April 1st, 1863, to April 1st, 1864,	52.00
" Clothing for W. S. Carroll,	10.59
" Ruel Durkee, for supporting Eugene Kennerson,	45.00

Paid	Orrah Stockwell, for dressing E. Kennerson's Head,	5.00
"	Clothing for E. Kennerson,	27.13
"	Clothing for Lydia Harding,	8.93
		<hr/> \$1237.46
"	Williams Barton, for 63 visits and medicine for Lydia Harding,	31.50
"	Williams Barton, for 11 visits and medicine for Mrs. H. Bartlett,	11.00
"	Williams Barton, for 2 visits for David Harding,	1.00
"	Williams Barton, for medicine for D. Hall,	75
"	Williams Barton, 16 visits and medicine for Joel Chase,	12.00
"	Williams Barton, for 21 visits and medicine for E. Kennerson,	10.50
"	D. D. Marsh for 47 visits and Medicine for Mary Lane,	23.50
		<hr/> \$90.25

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

	Nancy Lear, Assessed in 1863,	\$7.76
	Philemon Humphrey, assessed in, 1863,	2.33
	Alfred Ward, assessed in 1863,	3.00
	Martin C. Bartlett as Guardian for Jonas C. Hall's heirs,	1.00
	N. B. Frye, " "	2.33
		<hr/> \$16.42
Paid	Nathan Hall, two journeys to West Lebanon, and expenses,	10.00
"	Moses Whipple, interest on Note,	12.00
"	Reuben Cooper, interest on town notes	39.00
"	Pliny Hall, interest on town notes,	81.16
"	Adam Rand, interest on town notes,	18.00
"	Worthen Hall, interest on town note,	52.76
"	Ruel Durkee, for Stationery, Blanks, Postage and Stamps for Notes,	5.00
"	For printing this report,	10.00
"	Bounty to Soldiers,	3000.00
		<hr/> \$3227.92
		<hr/> \$6298.96
Paid	Ruel Durkee, services as Selectman,	35.00
"	Nathan Hall, services as Selectman,	25.00
"	William W. Hall, services as Selectman,	15.00
"	D. D. Marsh, services as Town Clerk,	15.00
"	John Cooper, services as Superintending School Com.	15.00
"	D. L. Powers, services as Collector of taxes,	15.00
		<hr/> \$120.00

The Selectmen have credited the Town as follows:

By list of taxes assessed and delivered to the Collector	\$2658.78
" Literary Fund,	63.45
" Interest on School Notes,	61.88
" Last year's Selectmen,	8.16
	<hr/> \$2792.27

Received of the County of Sullivan for the support
of the following Paupers:

James Pollard and Wife, Jan. 27th, 1864,	\$166.50
Joel Chase, " " " "	35.00
Mary Kennerson,	50.24
Jennie Katterson,	34.00
Livera Chase,	40.00
Mary Lane,	62.50
Abigail Chase,	45.00
Eugene Kennerson,	77.13
For doctoring Joel Chase,	12.00
For doctoring E. Kennerson,	10.50
For doctoring Mary Lane,	23.50
	<hr/> \$556.37

Received of Moses Whipple,	\$1350.00
" " Daniel Ide,	750.00
" " Pliny Hall,	500.00
" " John Blanchard,	200.00
" " Loyd D. Forehand,	175.00
	<hr/> \$2975.00

	\$6323.64
Total amount paid out,	<hr/> 6298.96

Leaving a balance of the Treasury of \$24.68

The town owe two notes to Reuben Cooper, amount- ing to	\$650.00
The town owe two notes to Worthen Hall amount- ing to	665.00
The town owe one note to Adam Rand amounting to	300.00
The town owe one note to Moses Whipple amount- ing to	1350.00
The town owe one note to Daniel Ide amounting to	750.00
The town owe one note to John Blanchard amount- ing to	200.00
The town owe two notes to Pliny Hall amounting to	900.00
The town owe one note to Loyd D. Forehand amounting to	175.00
	<hr/> \$4990.00

The Selectmen have paid to aid in support of the fam-
ilies of volunteers who have been mustered into
the service of the United States from this town,
and to volunteers who have returned home dis-
charged from disability from said services, and to
widows whose husbands have died in said service,
which sum is due this town from the State of
New Hampshire, amounting in the whole to

\$822.40

The above sum the Selectmen have hired of Pliny Hall.
Which is respectfully submitted.

RUEL DURKEE,	}	Selectmen
NATHAN HALL,		of
WILLIAM W. HALL,		Croydon.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The flight of time has rendered it the duty of your Committee to submit his annual Report. While in the performance of his official duties, he has found much encouragement in the fact that a large portion of the people of this town are awaking to a more just appreciation of the value of a good school. More competent teachers are procured than formerly, and they are better sustained; higher wages are given; greater efforts are made to lengthen out the schools, and more interest is taken in visiting them. But these encouraging signs are not without a drawback.—For in a few instances parents, instead of sustaining the teacher, have virtually encouraged their children in acts of insubordination. Such blindness to the best interests of themselves, their children, and the public is to be deplored.

A birds-eye view of the present condition of your schools may be taken by examining the Table on the last page.

Your schools of the past year have been uncommonly successful. Perfection is not claimed for them, but it *is* contended that none of them have fallen below mediocrity. The following brief report of each school, together with the table, exhibit (though but imperfectly) the progress and present standing of your schools.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1. The teacher, though young and inexperienced, was active and well qualified to discharge her duties, and had she received from all of the parents of the district, that moral support to which she was justly entitled, would probably have taught an excellent school. As it was, the pupils that attended regularly through the term, made a good degree of progress.

No. 2. This term commenced auspiciously. Miss Kibbey was well qualified, wide-awake, and brought with her the reputation of being a successful teacher. But after the school had continued about four weeks, she was compelled to relinquish it on account of the sickness and death of her mother. The pupils, while under her tuition, advanced well in their studies.

The remainder of the term, under the charge of Miss Cooper, was very successful. The order and discipline were good, and the progress in study was creditable alike to teacher and pupils.

No. 3. This term, under the direction of a competent teacher, was, on the whole, a successful one. The scholars were generally small and beginning their studies, other than reading and spelling. The progress

made, was good, but not so marked as in some other schools. But it appears to your Committee that had the inhabitants of this and the other districts in town, given the teachers of their summer schools a stronger moral support by visiting the schools, the effect would have been mutually beneficial.

No. 4. This little school was conducted well, and was profitable for one so short. The teacher succeeded in creating a lively interest among her pupils, which developed itself, not only in the spirited examination at the close of the term, but also in the tasteful decoration of the school room.

No. 5. This was an excellent term, and would not suffer by comparison with the schools in this district for the last ten years. At the closing examination the pupils acquitted themselves with credit, in reading and spelling, and by their correct and ready answers to most of the pertinent questions asked them in mental and written arithmetic, civil and physical geography, English grammar, history, and the elements of Algebra.—It requires the co-operation of parents, teachers and children to produce such a result.

No. 6. The pupils of this school, though they are small and few in number, made rapid improvement in their studies during this brief term. It was evident that the teacher had been faithful to her trust, and had given her pupils a thorough drilling in their studies.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1. Taking everything connected with term into consideration, it must be considered one of our best schools with regard to order, discipline and progress. The regulations were good, and the government, although almost wholly persuasive, was generally effective. The Teacher modest, and unassuming in her deportment, quietly exhibited no small amount of energy and decision in the school room. That her pupils had been thoroughly drilled, both orally and on the blackboard, was apparent at the close of the term. One of the most unexceptionable methods of oral spelling was practiced here. Credit is alike due to teacher and pupils for the success of the school.

No. 2.—JUVENILE DEPARTMENT. This school is *sui generis* in Croydon. We have no other one like it. No one that has engaged in teaching from mercenary motives, will be likely to seek employment here—or, if she should, will be found faithful to her charge. But a *true* teacher, one that loves children, and considers it a

“Delightful task to rear the tender thought,
And teach the young idea how to shoot,”

will find in this department an inviting field of labor. Such, doubtless, Miss Johnson found it, and another excellent school was the consequence.

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.—The teacher, by various methods, succeeded in gaining the good will of his pupils, and in creating quite an enthusiasm among them. The competition for the various prizes offered, probably occasioned some hard study. Proper deference was generally paid to the wishes of the teacher, while in but one instance compulsory measures were resorted to for the purpose of discipline. The progress made, was generally good—better in mathematics than in other branches. A crowd of visitors from this and other districts, witnessed the examination at the close of the term, thus showing the interest which is felt in our common schools.

No. 3.—This was an excellent school. Discipline and order were maintained without compulsion, while the progress made was good, especially by the larger pupils. The closing examination was one of uncommon interest. A number of the larger pupils acquitted themselves in reading, arithmetic, and English grammar, in a manner rarely equaled in our common schools. The occasion was graced by the presence of about eighty visitors. Mr. Boyce was made the recipient of a copy of "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary," a gift of his pupils.

No. 4. The opening examination gave promise of a useful term. The teacher, well qualified and wide awake, appeared perfectly at home in the school-room; while the pupils generally manifested unusual interest in their studies, but as the term had not closed when this Report was written, it is impossible to state the actual progress of the school. Rumor of a reliable nature, however, reports that it is progressing favorably.

No. 5.—It appeared from the last examination that this school was fully equal to its predecessors in this district. The order and discipline, though not perfect, were sufficient to produce an excellent school.—Much improvement had been made in reading, while in grammar and arithmetic the progress had been nearly as great. In mental arithmetic the best class in town was found here. It consisted of the more advanced pupils, who wisely concluded to spend a little portion of their time in disciplining their minds with this important study. As a consequence, the most abstruse examples in Colburn were solved with correctness and fluency. As an evidence that the self-denying labors of the teacher were duly appreciated, it may be stated that at the close of the term, her pupils presented her an elegant copy of the Bible.

No. 6.—Everything in the order, discipline, and general management of this school, was unexceptionable; while the progress of the pupils was all that could be reasonably expected. Here was found a pupil belonging to the first class in town.

It has sometimes happened that the superintending committee has been urged to introduce unsuitable text-books into your schools. One of the most objectionable of these, is "Davies' Bourdon's Algebra." This work is considered unsuitable as a text book for the following among other reasons: 1. It is not an *elementary* work. None but elementary studies should be pursued in our common schools. But Bourdon, instead of being a common school book, was expressly designed by Prof. Davies, to be a text-book in *Colleges*. 2. Prof. Davies himself says that it is unsuitable for schools. 3. The "Board of Education" never recommended Bourdon or any other work of *similar* grade. And, 4, no such work is *needed*. Mathematics already occupy too prominent a place in our schools. Consequently, the introduction of a higher work into that department, would render the evil still worse.

In concluding his eleventh annual Report, your committee would gratefully acknowledge the uniform courtesy, with which he has been treated by prudential committees, teachers and pupils, while the superintendence of your schools has been confided to his care. The time spent in the discharge of his official duties, he regards as a green spot in his somewhat uneventful life.

JOHN COOPER.

TABLE.

Number District.	1, sum'r T; 2, winter T.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Length in Weeks.	Average Number.	Whole Number.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending.	Wages of Teacher.	Number of Visitors.	Amount contributed.
1		1 Miss Ella V. Marsh,	8	11	20		8.00	18	
		2 Miss Sarah A. Kibbey,	10	18	21	4	18.33	20	
		1 Miss Sarah A. Kibbey,	4				16.00	11	
2		1 Miss Ellen Cooper,	5	35	38		15.00	8	*
		2 Miss Susan G. Johnson,	10	29	35		17.00	62	
		2 Rev. Anthony C. Hardy,	9	30	35		41.60	81	
3		1 Miss Ellen M. Goodwin,	9	19	24		12.00	17	
		2 Mr. Erastus R. Boyce,	9	30	36	4	31.00	117	
4		1 Miss Martha M. Ellis,	6	6	8		10.00	7	9.00
		2 Miss Ellen P. Houston,							
5		1 Miss Susan G. Johnson,	10	19	25	2	15.00	19	15.00
		2 Miss Emily Leavitt,	12	21	27	4	20.00	20	22.00*
6		1 Miss Celinda Barton,	6	4	5	7	8.00	16	9.00
		2 Miss Stella V. Marsh,	7	11	15	2	15.00	11	8.75

*A Select School of 10 weeks was taught last Fall in District No. 2, by Miss NEWELL, and another of the same length in No. 5 by Miss LEAVITT.